



# **Tips for** **Grandparents *who are* Raising** **Grandchildren in Illinois**

These simple suggestions have been developed by the Task Force on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Illinois to assist older adult caregivers in their efforts to provide quality care for their family's children. The Task Force can be reached through the Illinois Department on Aging's toll-free Senior HelpLine, **1-800-252-8966** (Voice and TTY).

## **Health Tips for Immunization**

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) there is no specific law in Illinois that states who can "consent" to the immunization of a minor in lieu of the parent or legal guardian (i.e., grandparents, aunts/uncles, older siblings, etc.). The lack of State direction in this area has lead to numerous variations in local ordinances throughout the counties in Illinois. Therefore, IDPH has advised the Illinois Department on Aging that grandparents or other individuals who inquire about issues of immunization consent and/or Vaccine Information Statements should contact their local health department's immunization division.

For more information call:  
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